



At the Court at Whitehall the 16th of February, 1680.

Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty,

His Highness Prince Rupert
Lord Chancellor
Lord Privy Seal
Lord Chamberlain
Earl of Chesterfield
Earl of Ailesbury
Earl of Conway

Lord Bishop of London
Mr. Hyde
Mr. Finch
Lord Chief Justice North
Mr. Secretary Jenkins
Sir Thomas Chicheley
Mr. Godolphin.



Whereas since the Expiration of the Act of Parliament made in the 22^d & 23^d year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Plantation Trade; Whereby the word Ireland was directed to be left out of all such Bonds as should be taken for Ships setting Sail for any English Plantation in America, Asia or Africa, several Bonds have been given for many Ships and Vessels, That in case the said Ships or Vessels should Load any Sugars, Tobacco, Cotton-wool, Indico, Ginger, Fustick, or other Dying Wood of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of any English Plantations in America, Asia, or Africa; The same Commodities shall be by the said Ship or Vessel brought to some Port of England, Wales, to the Port or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or Ireland, according to the Act of Navigation made in the Twelfth year of His Majesties Reign.

And whereas for the better keeping the Trade of His Majesties Plantations to this Kingdom, and for the further good of the Trade and Navigation thereof, It is since Provided and Enacted by One Act of Parliament made in the 25th year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled, An Act for the better Securing the Plantation Trade: That if any Ship or Vessel which by Law may Trade

in any of his Majesties Plantations, shall come to any of them to Ship and take on Board any of the aforesaid Commodities, and that Bond shall not be first given with one sufficient Surety to bring the same to England or Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and to no other place, and there to unload and put the same on Shore (the danger of the Seas onely excepted) that there shall be answered and paid to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for so much of the said Commodities as shall be Laded and put on Board such Ship or Vessel, the several Rates and Duties appointed by the said Act to be paid for the same; To be Levied, Collected and paid at such Places, and to such Collectors and other Officers as are or shall be appointed in the respective Plantations, to Collect, Levy and Receive the same before the Lading thereof.

By means and vertue of which said last recited Act, all Ships and Vessels which shall Lade any of the aforesaid sorts of Commodities in any of his Majesties said Plantations, although that Bond hath been given to bring the same to some other place then England, Wales, or Berwick, are liable to pay for the same, the several Rates and Duties imposed by the said Act, to be paid before the Lading thereof in the respective Plantations.

NOW for Incouragement of all his Majesties Subjects in their Trade to his Majesties Plantations, his Majesty was pleased this day to Order in Council, That for the avoiding of the payment of the Duties appointed to be paid by the aforesaid Act of the 25th year of his Majesties Reign, any person or persons concerned in any Ships or Vessels Enttring for any of his Majesties aforesaid Plantations (which by Law may Trade thither) shall voluntarily offer Bond with one Surety, to bring their Lading of the abovesaid enumerated sorts of Goods to England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, and to no other place, and there to Unload and put the same on Shore (the danger of the Seas onely excepted) That the Chief Officers of the Custom-house of such Port or Place from whence the said Ship shall set Sail, shall accept of, and take such Bond accordingly, and give Certificates thereof, as in such cases hath been accustomed. And as to such Ships and Vessels as have already, or may before the Publication of this Order happen to have given Bond to bring their Ladings of the said Goods to England, Wales, Berwick, or Ireland, That if any person or persons concerned in the said Ships, shall desire to take in the said Bonds, or any of them, and to give new Bonds with one Surety, for the coming of the said Ships with their Ladings of the said sorts of Goods to England, Wales, or Berwick, and to no other place, and there to Unlade and put the same on Shore, That the Officers who have the keeping of the said Bonds, shall deliver the same to them, and take new Bond from them, as aforesaid, and give Certificates of their having delivered up the former Bond, and having taken such New Bonds; And in such Case his Majesty is hereby pleased to remit the taking, or demanding from any such Ships or Vessels, any of the Duties and Rates Imposed by the aforesaid Act made in the Twenty fifth year of his Majesties Reign. And the Commissioners of his Majesties Customs, and all his Majesties Officers of the Customs in England, and in the respective Plantations, are required to take notice thereof, and to take care that the same be duly observed.

And for the better Information of all his Majesties Loving Subjects in these Matters, It was this day further Ordered by his Majesty in Council, That Notice hereof be given to all his Majesties Loving Subjects, by the Publick Affixing of this Order in all the Custom-houses in England and Wales, and Town and Port of Berwick upon Tweed.

And the Commissioners of his Majesties Customs are hereby required to take care that the same be done accordingly: And also that Notice of this his Majesties Order in Council be given to the Collectors of his Majesties Customs in his Majesties respective Plantations.

JOHN NICHOLAS.

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